

Application No. 10/605,210
Response and Amendment dated February 23, 2006
Reply to Office action of August 23, 2005
Docket Number 19427/04260

REMARKS

Claims 1 - 50 are pending in this application. Claims 1-5, 9-13, 15, 16, 18-22, 35-45, 48 and 50 have been rejected, and claims 6-8, 17, 46, 47, and 49 have been indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form. By this response, claims 6-8, 17, 46, 47 and 49 have been amended as advised by the examiner to be independent of any rejected claim, claims 1-5, 9-13, 15, 16, 18-22, 35-45, 48 and 50 have been canceled, and new claims 51-62 have been added. The claim amendments and new claims add no new matter. Reconsideration of claims 6-8, 17, 46, 47, 49 and consideration of new claims 51-62 is respectfully requested.

§ 103 Rejections

The claims rejected under 103 have been cancelled by this response, thereby rendering the rejection moot.

New Claims

New claims 51-62 have been added to more thoroughly define the subject matter Applicant regards as the invention and do not add any new matter. Applicant asserts that the new claims are allowable, insofar as this application claims priority to Applicant's previously issued patent, US Patent No. 6,695,452, and the new claims incorporate elements recited in the claims of the issued patent, as well as elements recited in claims in the instant application which have already been deemed allowable by the Office.

New claim 51 recites "a directional light source, a lens, and an image medium support assembly disposed therebetween, all in spaced-apart relation along a light path that extends from the light source through the lens ... a housing enclosing the directional light source, the image medium support assembly, and the lens ... and ... a support member attached to the projector and adapted to receive a mounting support." New claim 51 also recites that "the image medium support assembly [is] adapted to support and rotate at least one image medium around an axis that is parallel to the light path such that each of a plurality of images formed in the image medium passes in turn through the light path when the image medium is rotated". And new claim 51 recites "a multi-faceted reflective element ... [and] a shield that partially envelops the multi-faceted reflective element such that when the projector is in use, light that travels along the light path and is reflected from one or more of the plurality of reflective surfaces disposed on the

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multi-faceted reflective element is partially blocked by the shield.”

In connection with new claim 51, neither Magett nor Price discloses an image medium support assembly adapted to support and rotate at least one image medium around an axis that is parallel to the light path such that each of a plurality of images formed in the image medium passes in turn through the light path when the image medium is rotated.” In fact, Magett makes no mention of any image forming device whatsoever. And the “mask” shown by Price is not disclosed to be movable, much less rotatable around any axis, nor does Price provide for a device that rotates any mask having a plurality of images. Moreover, neither Magett nor Price teaches or suggests the desirability of these features, much less the means by which the disclosed device could be modified to provide these features. Likewise, neither Magett nor Price discloses or even suggests the desirability of a shield that partially envelops the multi-faceted reflective element and functions to partially block light that is reflected from one or more of the plurality of reflective surfaces disposed on the multi-faceted reflective element.

For these reasons, and in addition to other differences between the Magett and Price references and the devices of new claims 51-62, Applicant submits that the new claims are allowable.

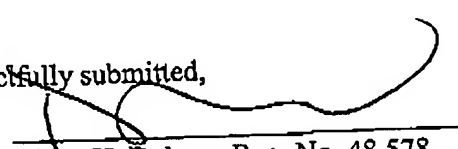
Conclusion

In view of the above amendments, it is believed that all outstanding objections and rejections are moot, and that the new claims are allowable. Applicant believes that this application is now in condition for allowance, and prompt notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

If any additional fees or extensions of time are required, please charge our Deposit Account No. 03-0172.

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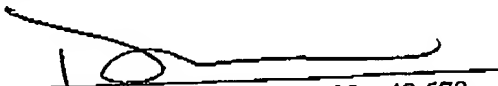
Sir:

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